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**M**R Hoffmann, the Premier of the Saar, is probably as surprised as anyone by the overwhelming vote of confidence which Saarlanders gave last Sunday to his policy for Europeanising an area which is as vital to French interests as it is to those of Western Germany. The election result was a personal triumph for the Saar Premier, shadowed only by the fact that certain pro-German political parties had been banned from registering their votes. The present international status of the Saar is a French creation which has been given only half-hearted approval by Britain and the United States, and the knowledge that Premier Hoffmann took the extreme action of applying a suppressive article in the constitution to free elections must leave both Washington and London with some doubtful feelings about the popular will of the Saarlanders on the question of closer political and economic association with France.

**D**R Adenauer, leader of the West German Government, cannot be expected to view the outcome of Sunday's elections with any degree of satisfaction. While he has made sincere efforts to reach an agreement with France upon a "European" status for the Saar, he has never wavered from the view that West Germany should have an equal say in its administration and should share its wealth of natural resources. It has been suggested that probably the reason why Dr Adenauer and M. Schuman have so far failed to agree on the future of the Saar is because the other six-power European projects—the Coal and Steel Community, the defence community, and the political authority—are not far enough advanced for either side to renounce its rights or claims in the Saar in any final way. And Sunday's election result is not likely to bring West Germany and France any nearer to composing their differences. Premier Hoffmann obviously feels he has been given a clear mandate to proceed with his policy of closer union with France, but whether he is prepared to take positive steps towards finalising a Europeanisation scheme without a plebiscite remains to be seen.

## TAFT-EISENHOWER ROW BLOWS UP Disagreement Over Appointment

Washington, Dec. 2.

The uneasy post-convention truce between General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Senator Robert Taft blew up today over the Republican President-elect's selection of Mr Martin Durkin, a Democrat and Union official, as Secretary of Labour.

Taft's blast at what he termed this "incredible" appointment swept away in one moment the outward show of harmony and co-operation built up in the months since Eisenhower defeated Taft for the Republican nomination.

Since the July Republican convention, one of the big questions of the political horizon has been how Eisenhower as President would get along with the Ohioan, who is acknowledged to be the most influential of the Republican Senators.

It is reduced now to more critical questions.

1.—Will Taft fight Senate confirmation of Durkin? Taft did not say in his statement calling Durkin a "partisan Truman Democrat" and the appointment a double-barrelled affront to those Democrats who voted for Eisenhower and to Union members who supported the Republican candidate despite American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations endorsement of Democratic nominee, Adlai Stevenson. The Senate's attitude usually has been that a President is entitled to have any reasonably qualified person he wants in his Cabinet.

2.—Is there to be an open struggle between the Taft wing of the Republican Party and those elements which by and large have followed the leadership in recent years of New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey?

3.—What will be the effect of Taft's coolness—his attitude that Durkin's appointment is an enormous mistake—on Senate reception of Eisenhower's general legislative programme?

Assuming Durkin is confirmed by the Senate, Taft and those who support him, undoubtedly

will cast a critical eye on any proposed enlargement of the Labour Department—a subject on which Durkin spoke hopefully and confidently when his appointment was announced yesterday.

Durkin did not say so, but newsmen got the impression he felt he had good assurances the Labour Department would be strengthened and might take over some now independent agencies such as the Federal Mediation Service, which acts to settle labour strikes.

Durkin has said, too, that he believes the Taft-Hartley Act can be amended in a way satisfactory to both labour and management.

4.—What will be the effect of Durkin's appointment on the new Saar Labour Committee in the new Congress. In that spot he will have much to say about what functions are added to the Labour Department and what changes are made in the labour law of which he was part author.

5.—What will be the effect of Durkin's appointment, Taft had shown signs of unhappiness over the way the top jobs in Eisenhower's administration are being distributed.

One point of agreement he and Eisenhower made during the campaign was that there would be no discrimination against Taft people.

Taft disclosed last month he had made several recommendations to Eisenhower for Cabinet appointments. All his recommendations at what level have been passed over.

There was no immediate comment from Eisenhower's headquarters on Taft's blast at the Durkin appointment.—Associated Press.

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## Discharged But Not Acquitted

Johore Bahru, Dec. 3.  
The case against Chou Sae-keung, cashier of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, accused of cheating the Bank of \$1,237,700 came to an abrupt end in the Sessions Court yesterday.

The case was down for mention only but when it was called Mr T. R. Hepworth, the Legal Adviser in Johore, on behalf of the Prosecution told the President of the Sessions Court that he was not prepared to proceed with it as the charge stood at present.

He asked the Court to make an order for the discharge of the accused and asked the Court to exercise its power under the Criminal Procedure Code to make the discharge one that did not amount to an acquittal.

Mr G. Toh, of Bradell Brothers, who represented the accused, asked that the order should be made, granting an acquittal as well.

Mr Incho Ali Hassan, the President of the Court, refused Mr Toh's application and discharged the accused; such order not to amount to an acquittal.—Reuter.

## Girl's Amazing Fast

Mehsana, India, Dec. 2.  
A Judge of the Madras High Court today urged the Indian Government to investigate the case of a fasting 17-year-old girl whom he described as "a challenge to all scientific notions."

The girl, Dhanalakshmi, has taken no food or drink since May.

The Judge had studied all the facts and said: "She is a unique phenomenon of Vayu Karshna (living on air) known only to our sages, as described in sacred Hindu books," he said.

The girl's father has said that his daughter showed no signs of fatigue, was quite normal and had not lost any weight.—Reuter.

## The Saar Problem

## Schuman And Adenauer To Exchange Opinions

Paris, Dec. 2.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, announced today that he would soon resume correspondence with the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, for a settlement on the long-disputed future of the Saar.

Sunday's Saar polling had shown, he said, that three out of four electors preferred an international status for the territory rather than its attachment to Germany.

Hopes of a Franco-German

agreement ran high here but official circles were without information of the attitude of the West German government and the Bonn Parliament.

Dr Adenauer is believed here to be willing to give up the idea of forcing the Saar back to Germany in favour of an international statute for this rich coal and steel region. But he is considered to have determined opponents not only in his cabinet but in his own party.

The West German Government is "prepared at any time" to resume negotiations with France, the government Press chief said in Bonn today.

## ONE CONDITION

But the economic conventions linking France and the Saar must be abolished altogether, he added. Any solution for Europeanising the territory would only be provisional until a German peace treaty.

M. Schuman believes that the results of the Saar election will facilitate a Franco-German agreement.

"Instead of being an obstacle to European union," he told a Press conference today, "the Saar has become a guarantee and symbol for the unification of Europe."

Probably, M. Schuman will wait for the foreign affairs debate in the Bonn Bundestag this week before writing again to Dr Adenauer and he may even prefer to wait until the foreign affairs debate in his own assembly has taken place.

This was fixed for Thursday but may be postponed to give way to discussion of the 1953 finance bill.

## PLURISITE

M. Schuman said today that any proposed international statute for the Saar would be decided by a plebiscite under international guarantee.

The controlling international body could be either the Coal and Steel Pool Authority representing six countries—France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—or the Council of Europe with its 18-nation members, including Britain.

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Montgomery, Dec. 3.

Four convicts of the Mont-

gomery State Prison and seven

others were critically ill after

drinking cocktails which they

made out of varnish last

Sunday.

One of the sick men said

that a convict working in a

painting gang stole a bottle of

varnish which contained

methyl alcohol and invited the

others to a drinking spree in

the dormitory.—Associated

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## Cold Wave Strikes War Front In Korea

Seoul, Dec. 3.  
Biting cold that rolled down from Manchuria and Siberia closed over the snowy Korean front this morning. Temperatures dropped toward zero in the forbidding eastern mountains.

It was the coldest weather of the new—and third—winter on the bleak 165 mile battleline.

Scoul itself was ten above zero under a brilliant early morning sun; the front line nearly 80 miles further north at some points was much colder.

Last night's chilling cold, the first bitter onset of the season, slowed fighting at all points except Sniper Ridge where Chinese squads probed South Korean positions on the slopes of Pinpoint Hill.

PLANES GROUNDED  
The cold also severely hampered the Air Force. Many Korean-based planes were grounded most of the day by icing conditions. Three fighter bombers that did fly carried out routine missions over North Korea. F-86 Sabres were out but there were no reported fighter engagements.

Earlier the Chinese made a series of determined small-unit attacks on Sniper probably using one to two platoons in a push that brought them to within hand grenade distance of the defending ROKs. As evening approached, however, the Reds withdrew.

The biting chill brought new misery to the frontline infantrymen particularly those in action and at outposts and forward bunkers which have no heat.

With only minor exceptions, however, winter clothing has been issued and the men, although uncomfortable, were in no danger from the cold alone.—Associated Press.

## No Extension Of Korean War Envisaged

London, Dec. 2.

Authoritative British quarters were satisfied today that President-elect Dwight Eisenhower's trip to Korea would not lead to extension of the war by the United Nations.

The assurance came as West Europeans believed Mr Eisenhower already was in Korea.

## Absentminded Shopper

London, Dec. 2.

Mrs Richard Jobchner, 63-year-old wife of a Jewish professor who was fined £5 with five guineas costs at Marylebone Police Court today for stealing a tin of Riccioli and some fish worth two shillings and two pence from a self-service store.

Mrs Jobchner said that she put the goods in her shopping bag and not in the firm's wire basket quite absentmindedly because her thoughts were of the difficulties in Jerusalem.

The possibility of an all-out offensive against China was squarely dismissed by the sources.

Meanwhile, British officials said the Indian peace plan, after endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly, would be dispatched without delay to Peking, probably later this week.

Informants said the Communist offensive in Indo-China was expected to be the top item on the agenda of the talks, which also will include a discussion of Britain's economic and political problems in that country.

The West German Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, arrived in Singapore yesterday to sit in on the conference.

These attending include the Governors of Hongkong, Singapore, North Borneo and Sarawak, three service Chiefs in the Far East, deputy Commissioners of Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, Ministers to the Philippines and Indo-China, deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in India Mr C. S. Pickard of the Office of the High Commissioner for Australia; and Sir Ester Denning, British Ambassador to Japan—United Press.

GOVERNOR LEAVES  
His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grahame, together with the British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Ester Denning, left at 2.30 this morning from Kai Tak by BOAC plane for Singapore where they will attend the Governor's conference with Mr Malcolm MacDonald.

The take-off was delayed an hour and 23 minutes owing to the prevalence of strong cross-winds at Kai Tak.

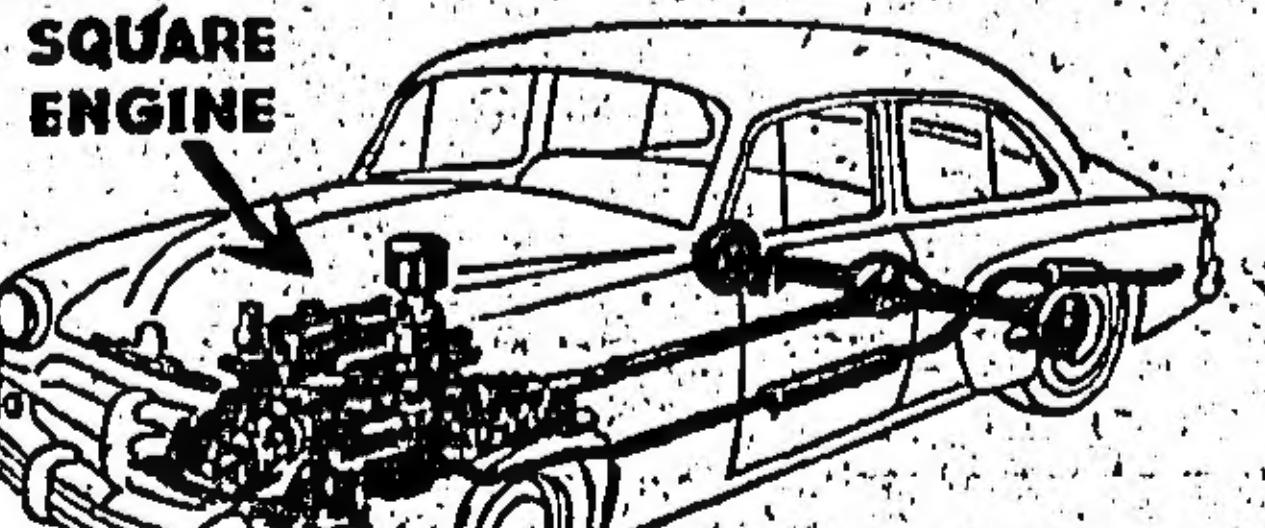
LONDON TALKS  
London, Dec. 2.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill today summoned leaders of eight British Commonwealth nations to discuss Korea and other world problems with members of the British Cabinet on Thursday.

The spokesman said a close study of provisions imposed the obligation to take into account "the interests of war prisoners".

He added that it was clearly not in the prisoners' interest to be "driven into bayonets"—United Press.

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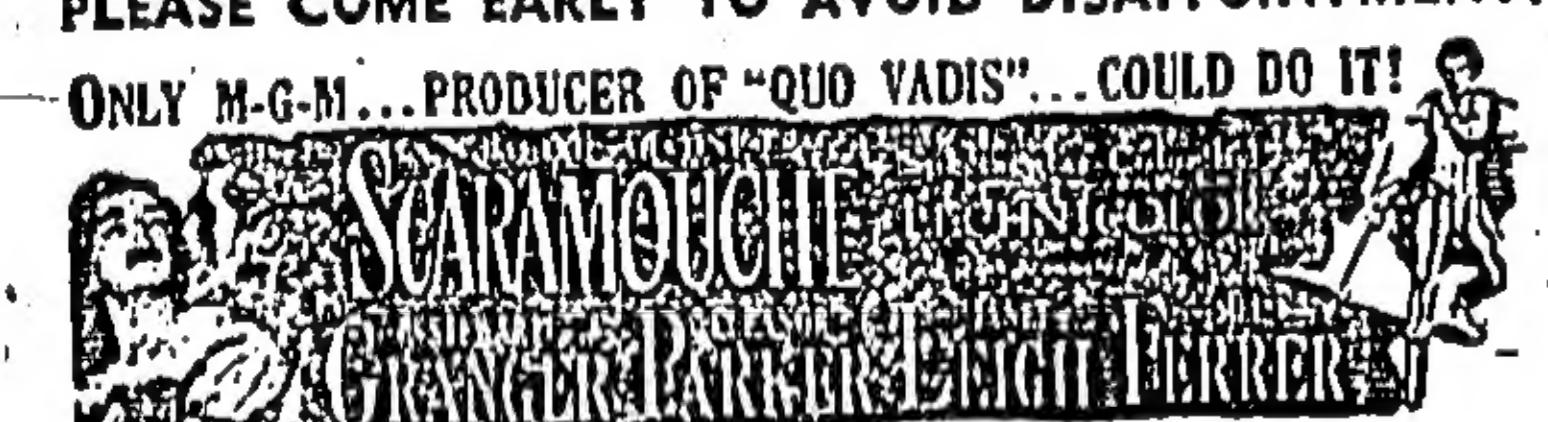


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## Discussion Of Expansion Plans For Commodities



Prince Felix of Hapsburg, fourth son of the last Emperor of Austria, shown with his bride, Princess Anne, Duchess of Aranberg, after their civil marriage ceremony at Beauvau-Mer, in France. The couple later went through the religious marriage ceremony in a Roman Catholic church. —Central Press Photo.

### Another Record For RAF Jets

Dakar, Dec. 2. Four Royal Air Force Canberra jet bombers arrived here from Recife, Brazil, today to set up yet another jet plane record.

They became the first jets to make the West-East crossing of the South Atlantic.

The flight was the homeward leg of an extensive demonstration and goodwill tour of South America and the West Indies.

On their way out, they set up another record—the first East-West jet crossing of the South Atlantic—Reuter.

### 'BABIES BY LICENCE' SUGGESTED

London, Dec. 2. A plan to permit babies "by licence only" is drawn up in a church magazine by 63-year-old silver-haired Canon Charles Love.

Three thousand copies of the magazine are circulating in his parish of Old Church, Finchley, Staffs, "where much prudery exists," says Canon Love.

He said that the article is intended to provoke discussion. It says:

"There is a world shortage of food... the rational thing would seem to be to reduce our birth rate by planning."

Babies should be permitted by licence only, until the population is reduced to the level of our home production of food. The unfit and subnormal should, of course, be sterilised. No one should be allowed to marry under the age of 30, and until they have a house.

"As a further step, the progress of medical science in lengthening life might be neutralised by persuading the over-70's to submit to euthanasia for the good of the country.

"Such steps would mean that England would again become a green and pleasant land, instead of a land of concrete, bricks, and mortar, and it could grow plenty to feed its moderate population."

Canon Love has two grown-up children—a son and a married daughter.

### BRITISH OIL COMPANIES

#### Labour MPs Press For Inquiry

London, Dec. 2. Labour Members of Parliament pressed in the House of Commons today for an investigation of British oil companies on the lines of the anti-trust oil inquiry now going on in the United States.

The request was prompted by the British Government's refusal to allow documents about British companies' activities to go before the anti-trust board in Washington.

Mr Frank Beswick, Labour, suggested that an investigation should be made by the British Monopolies Commission, a body set up by the Labour Government in 1948 to investigate monopolies.

Mr H. G. Strauss, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, replied that the President of his department would bear this suggestion in mind in considering future inquiries for reference to the commission.

Asked by a Labour member whether the President of the Board of Trade (Mr Peter Thorneycroft) would give priority consideration to the question, Mr Strauss said: "No. I do not think any such advice is required. When the President chooses subjects for reference, he will himself consider the relative importance of the matter suggested."—Reuter.

### Duke Returns To Britain

London, Dec. 2. The Duke of Edinburgh and the Duchess of Kent arrived home today by a special plane from Rome.

The Duke had spent a week's holiday in Malta and the Duchess had been away for two months on a tour of the Far East.

They were met by Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester.

The Duchess of Kent's children, Prince Michael and Princess Alexandra, were on hand to welcome their mother back.—Reuter.

#### Presents Credentials

Istanbul, Dec. 2. Turkey's new ambassador to Yugoslavia, Agha Axel, today presented his credentials to Yugoslavia's Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Bebler.—Reuter.

#### Tinker of a tailor



London, Dec. 2. After two days' general discussion on trade and trade development and commodity policies the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference got down to brass tacks today, discussing ways and means of paying for their new schemes.

Expansion in Commonwealth production of a number of commodities has been agreed upon to increase the output of dollar savers and dollar earners. This agreement covered wheat, rice, meal and dairy products, cotton, copper, zinc, aluminium, steel, fertilisers and engineering goods.

Officials said that the conference agreed that a substantial proportion of money, machines and men required for the expansion programme must be found within the Commonwealth. This is a question to be dealt with today by a committee of specialists set up by the Prime Ministers yesterday to go over the whole range of Sterling Area finance.

This Committee met under the chairmanship of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard A. Butler. It consists of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers or their representatives. Australia is represented by its Prime Minister, Mr Robert G. Menzies, who is the Commonwealth's strongest advocate of free convertibility of Sterling.

Convertibility is seen to be emerging as the key issue of the conference because Australia, New Zealand and Asian members contend that without measures for the free use of Sterling there would be no attraction for investment in new schemes or any incentive for wider trade.

Although the Prime Ministers have agreed that the Sterling Area must finance a big proportion of development plans itself, they also have agreed that United States help must be sought in providing engineering goods and machinery for transport, power and irrigation. Further, it has been agreed that American co-operation will be necessary to stabilise markets and prices for commodities judged to be the biggest dollar earners.

London, Dec. 2. Queen Zain, wife of ex-King Talal of Jordan, will pay a private visit to Britain this month. She will arrive in London next Monday, a Jordan embassy spokesman announced today.

Talal, who is suffering from a mental illness, abdicated this summer. He was succeeded by the boy King Hussein of Jordan, a cadet at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

The Jordan Minister in London, Dr Fawzi Mulki, left London by air for Amman today to discuss arrangements for the Queen's visit with Prime Minister Abdul El Huda Tewfik.—Reuters.

General agreement has been reached apparently in favour of such modifications of GATT as will enable the Commonwealth to give preference in return for engineering imports. Though these two approaches hope is also to a progressive surplus in foreign trade which would enable the restoration of Sterling convertibility by stages. This the Prime Ministers believed, would make it possible for foreign capital to remit its earnings and assist a higher level of world trade as a whole.

The conference has taken into account statistics in its official briefs showing that the Sterling Area produces two-thirds of the world's tea, over half the world's cocoa, over half of the world's rubber, over half of the world's gold, nearly half the world's wool, one-third of the world's rice, one-third of the world's lead and manganese, over 25 per cent of the world's copper and zinc, one-quarter of the world's sugar and tobacco and one-fifth of the world's wheat and coal.

In relation to meat and dairy produce the conference examined expansion schemes for Australia and New Zealand.

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## Claim By Atomic Scientist

### Staving Off Third Global War

Chicago, Dec. 2.  
Dr Arthur H. Compton, who directed the laboratory where the atomic age came into being 10 years ago, said today that nuclear weapons had staved off a third global war and disaster for the entire world.

Dr Compton, now Chancellor of Washington University, spoke at ceremonies marking the 10th anniversary of the world's first self-sustained nuclear chain reaction.

It was on December 2, 1942, that the noted physicist, Enrico Fermi, gave the signal that put the first nuclear pile into operation.

The ceremonies today were held in the squash court beneath the University of Chicago's Stagg Field where the historic event took place.

Dr Compton, who directed work in the improvised squash court laboratory, said that the atomic bomb saved the lives of millions of Americans and Japanese by shortening World War II.

Since then, he said, it had created a balance of power in the post-war world.

A third world war had been held off that would have meant the lives of many more millions and disaster for the entire world.

"We who had the might of atomic nucleus in our hand would have been traitors to mankind had we refused to build bombs and use them with tempered blows," he added.

"We should at present be failing our evident duty if we did not give free men the means of maintaining their freedom."

### Immediate Aid For South Korea

United Nations, Dec. 2.  
A United Nations agency today announced details of a \$70,000,000 programme for an immediate and positive contribution towards meeting the most pressing needs of the Korean people before hostilities end.

The plan was outlined in a communication from Mr Donald Kingsley, Agent-General of the United Nations Korea Reconstruction Agency, to Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the UN.

The programme, covering the period ending June 30 next year, was adopted by the Advisory Committee to the Agent-General at its meeting on November 24.

The Committee stressed that special attention should be given to methods of bringing inflation under control.—Reuter.

### Santa Claus In Holland



In front of the Royal Palace in Amsterdam, Holland, attendants of the Dutch version of Santa Claus give gifts to the Princesses Marilie and Margriet, during the parade which marked the arrival of Santa Claus in Amsterdam.—Express Photo.

### General Collins To Attend Next Meeting Of NATO

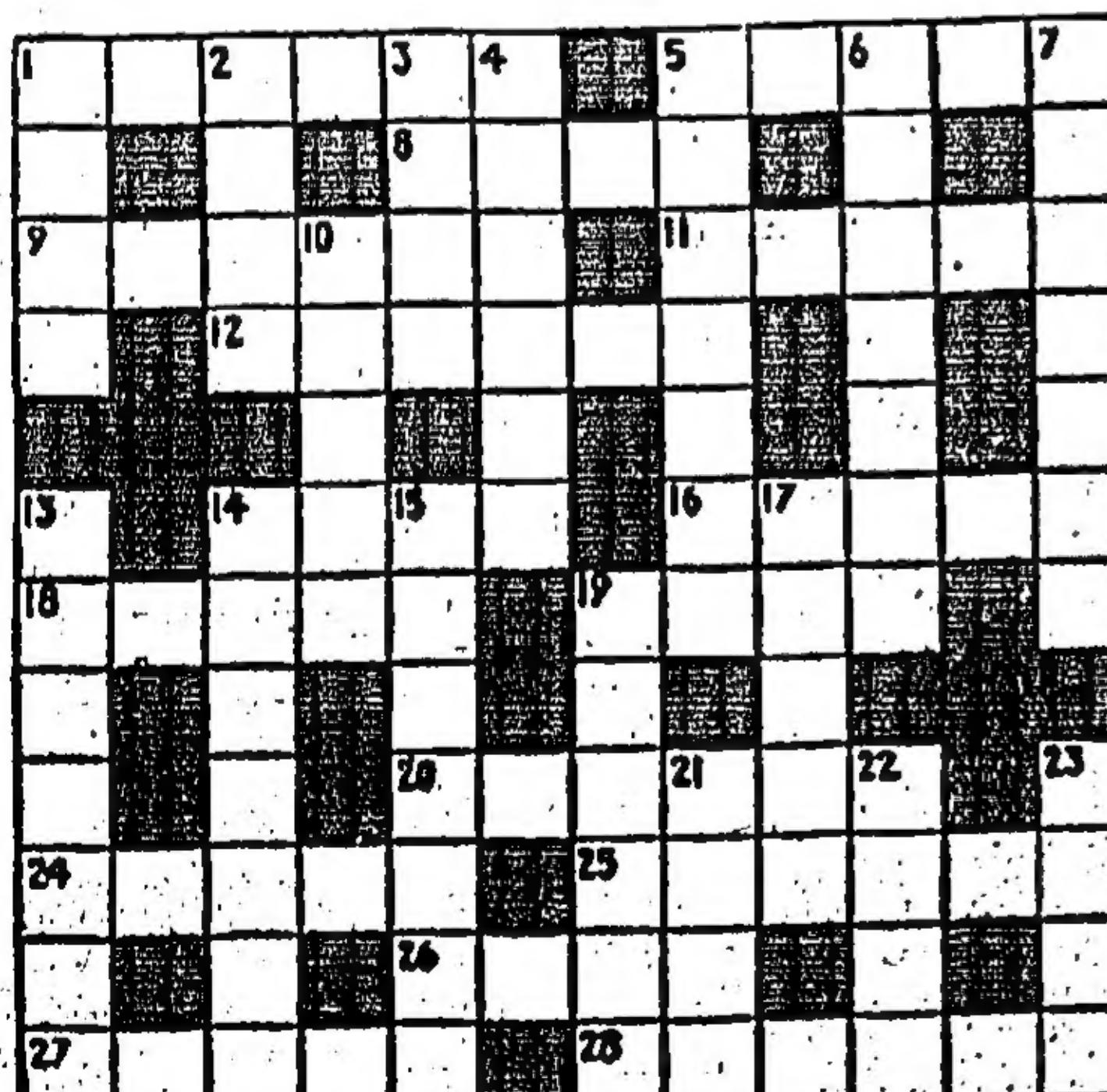
Washington, Dec. 2.  
Highly reliable military sources said today that General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, plans to send General J. Lawton Collins to represent him at the NATO meeting in Paris on December 15.

General Bradley, however, would himself attend the next meeting, to be held in February in Paris.

General Bradley made up his mind over the weekend not to go to Paris as he wanted to keep in the closest touch with Mr. Dwight Eisenhower in the next few weeks. General Bradley is staying with Mr. Bernard Baruch on the latter's estate in South Carolina.

General Collins was considered the logical choice because NATO Army questions, including the possibility of raising three more armoured divisions next year, were likely to have high priority in the NATO discussions in Paris.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS:

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- 3 Objects (4)
- 4 Disorder (4)
- 5 Told off (6)
- 6 Lower (4)
- 7 Bag (7)
- 8 Takes offence (7)
- 9 Lubricated (5)
- 10 Military displays (7)
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- 12 Besides (4)
- 13 Residence (5)
- 14 Unfriendly (7)
- 15 Withdraw (7)
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Use Give-Up Play With Discretion

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most familiar plays in bridge is the "give-up" play. Its technique is very simple. You simply allow the opponents to defeat you.

Naturally I don't recommend this play. It is the "give-up" play. I ignore the fact that practically all players make use of this play more often than they should. In today's hand South timidly made the give-up play instead of fighting for his contract.

West opened the five of diamonds, and declarer tried a finesse dummy. West cashed the five of diamonds and returned the ten. West

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

MATHEMATICIANS have come up with the odds on a mistake being made in Charlie Suel's filing system are six to four.

The system is so elaborate that the trained secretaries say they would rather have letters and documents filed in boxes and shuffled than go through the business of what Suel calls "preliminary selective classification of categories." A copy of the Dumbbell is an allocation of processed felt, which should have been filed under "A for allocations," was first filed under "F for faxes." Suel then ruled it should be under D for Dumbbell. If a copy under M for Mrs. For some reason, Suel had some trouble from which ridiculous letter it was received by a puzzled secretary.

Sue for method

BUSINESS men have asked in what lies the supposed superiority of Suel's system over any other. Sir Geoffrey Spade, of the Maran, said he had no objection to Suel's method of reply he received to this question that it might as well have

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

BORN today, there are contradictions in your nature which make you rather easily misunderstood by casual acquaintances. You may have a quiet and kindliness, deep down in your nature, you can be bold, even domineering and impudent if your will is strong. You are a creature of your kind and will suddenly flare out into a burst of unexpected activity which astounds your co-workers who may have thought of you as a calm, unimaginative worker.

Actually, you have a very lively imagination, but it is a bit naive and not a little creative talent in the arts. You will, of course, be happiest in some kind of work which gives you an opportunity to express the side of your nature that thrusts into routine desk work.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

SAGITTARIUM (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Today, things have been a little hectic and busy lately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Perhaps you can repeat in kind, the kind of good luck you've had since time ago. Offer your help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — All is not lost for you, though. Take time out tonight for a little recreation to balance the ledger better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — You can cause an accident today by carelessness in handling mechanical or electrical equipment.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) — Unless you are very sure of your ground, it may be better not to get involved in talking politics.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19) — Please, business, financial and financial plans with someone who may be able to make a good suggestion.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Think everything over very carefully before making any final decisions. Temporise, if necessary.

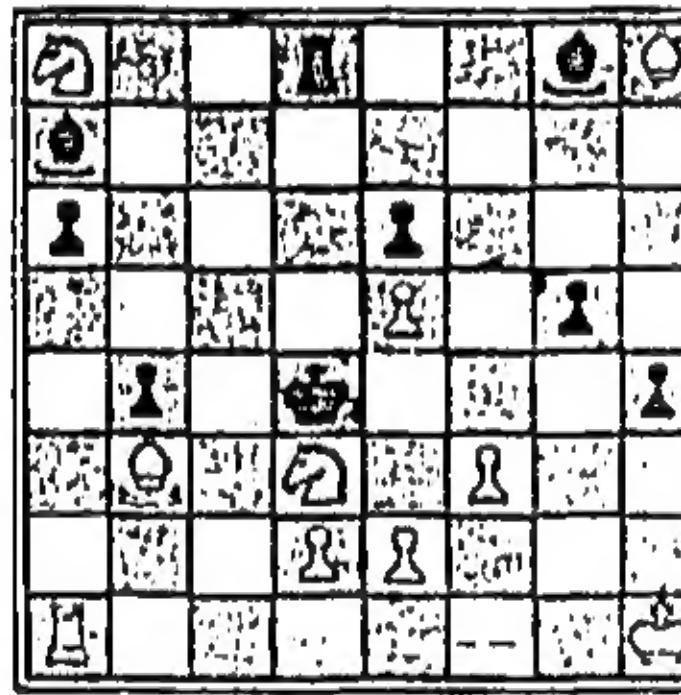
CANCER (June 22-July 21) — A fine time for a family conference. Take them into your confidence over budget matters.

LION (July 22-Aug. 21) — An excellent day to make a start on your Christmas shopping. You should find exactly what you want.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. BUCHWALD

Black, 9 pieces.

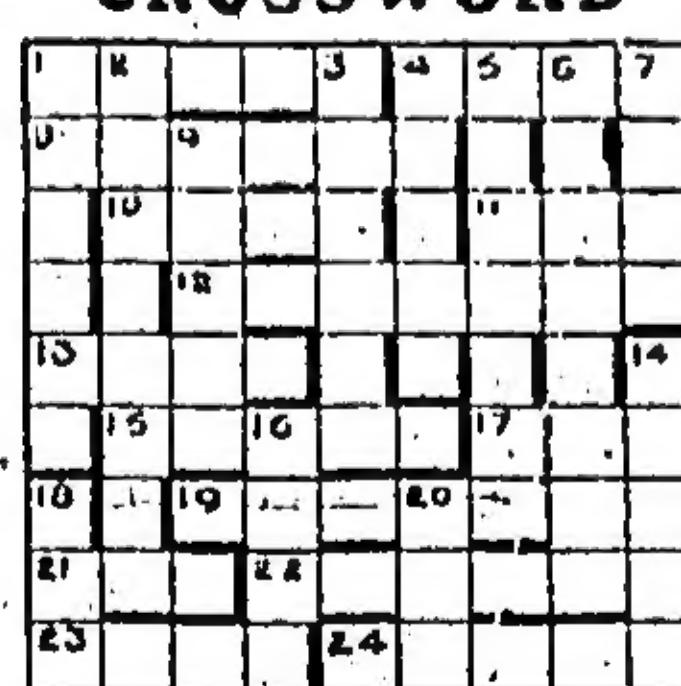


White, 10 pieces.  
White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Kt8 (=Kt), any; 2. R, or Kt mates.

## CROSSWORD



Across:

1. Closely connected with bow. (5)
4. Leader of the army. (4)
5. The Chinese sense. (6)
6. From his laboratory. (6)
7. Part of that wrygny feeling. (5)
8. New Canaan, reverend size. (7)
10. Extreme. (6)
11. Impulsion in the boy operator. (7)
12. In geese in flight. (6)
13. Of deer or tree? (4)
24. The tie of tobacco? (6)
- Down:
1. Of stage, screen or canvas? (6)
2. You never will if you are 2. (6)
4. Alternative in three directions. (6)
5. Acute. (5)
6. Make Rose vain you'll find. (8)
7. Great city in a sticky way. (7)
8. You can't thin on any who is. (4)
9. King of the city of the chestnut man. (6)
10. A penny on. 4. Down would do. (6)
11. Elephant tooth. (4)
12. On the way out. (5)
13. Sparkle of the sea. (6)
14. Present, remind. (6)
15. Around. (5)
16. Tassel. (4)
17. Dewey. (4)
18. King Frost. (6)
19. Grown. (6)
20. Dried. (6)
21. Fall. (6)
22. Hours

(Solution on Page 10)

## DUMB-BELLS

DO YOU LIKE BRAHMS?  
NO!  
SHREDDED WHEAT!



1. The old man. (6)
2. You never will if you are 2. (6)
4. Alternative in three directions. (6)
5. Acute. (5)
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## Rupert and the Windwhistle—32



Soon there is the sound of footsteps and a guard returns bringing Bill and Willie with him. The two friends look very glad and are shivering. "Cheer up," says Rupert. "You'll soon be walking again." King Frost has given us a new walkie for Jack and

## WOMANSENSE

AHOY!

American sailors inspire a fashion

Twenty Years of Uproar

A music teacher has been com-

plaining that it is very difficult

nowadays to keep a girl at the harp.

He tells us though harp-playing

was once a popular pastime

but now girls are soon have

an electric harp. You plug it in and

then sit back and watch the violin

string away. A good harpist would be

amazing. It would help the harpist

to escape the attentions of a tem-

perous and undisciplined sailor. But

the sailors all over the anchorages

with the swain in hot pursuit. Not

that I care.

The jacket, named

the "Matelet,"

recalls the American sailors' jacket.

It is double breasted and

has a loose fitting belt

at the back. It is made

in materials suitable

for wear over straight-

fitting town skirts or

country tweeds. In

hip sizes ranging from

36in. to 42in. It is available

in emerald, cherry, violet,

grey, beaver, camel, navy and

brown overcheck at £6.

you should be sure to find some

absorbing hobby more in with

your cultural and intellectual

life.

Your intuitions are more than

ordinarily keen. You seem to

feel things even before they hap-

pen. This is a prime advantage

to having you must learn to

wise if you are to make the

wisest decisions at all times.

So again a hundred times, never

mind what others say, pay atten-

tion to your "hunch" and you

will avoid a lot of trouble and

get results you might other-

wise miss.

To find what the stars have in

store for tomorrow, select your

horoscope star and read the cor-

responding paragraph. Let your birth-

day star be your daily guide.

Baby-Talk

★ WANNA TO MAKE

something of it?

Humphrey Bogart calls

Lauren Bacall "Baby."

Mr Roosevelt called Mrs

Roosevelt "Babs." Harry

Truman calls Margaret

"My Baby." And a Lon-

don Express Service re-

porter heard from

Washington that Mamie's

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 6th and Saturday, 13th December, 1952

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 9 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (17 in all).

Through Tickets (17 Races-\$34.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 5th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong  
or  
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Sennior tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptredore Office will close at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.15 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptredore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of titles will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employment stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

## Don't Shoot The Manager—He's Doing His Best

Says STANLEY CULLIS

(Manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers)

Come right in Mr Soccer Fan. So you think you would do well as a manager? Well maybe you would like to know just what kind of job you are taking on. The chances are that you might even change your mind.

And let us get this straight. I am not speaking just for myself. My football work is duplicated by almost every other manager. There may be different ideas at different clubs, but the routine chores are pretty much the same.

Where are we, then? Today is Wednesday. All right, we'll start from today and take you through the normal week in a manager's life. Excuse me while I deal with this mail, reply to the urgent letters, and then we will look over the team training.

All teams report for training. We managers have to make sure that any faults in play, any weaknesses are corrected in training. It is obviously useless to give every player the same training. This, my friend Mr Soccer Fan, is a full and exacting morning's work.

It could be a high-powered dash to watch some Army or

RAF unit game. Essentia journeys this with so much potential talent among the Service youngsters.

Or it may be an afternoon drudge over the desk replying to scout reports, studying recommendations from junior clubs—a highly important point this—arranging the agenda for the evening board meeting. Should be through by about 9 p.m.

Thursday: It is a full day of training, still office routine to cope with, swotting up the strength, weaknesses, and tactics of the team you meet on Saturday. And then team talk with comments, suggestions from players.

Evenings take in talks to junior clubs, serving on local committees such as the King George VI Playing Fields Funds. We managers can always bet on having some evening date.

Friday: A headache day, ringing up for the releases of Service players, planning replacements if they cannot get away. This may involve juggling with any of the six teams due to play on Saturday.

You have your training room talk, decide what to do about doubtful players. And don't forget that office-desk is still calling. Friday night off, I hope, the night off, and this is a command performance with orders from home, but even this has to be missed if you have to make a long overnight journey.

Saturday: Check up of all teams, maybe a long train trip, but always that never-tiring 90 minutes which tell you if your players were right or wrong.

Maybe an injury upsets the side. Most of us would rather play than have to watch. This is the thing that really gives us grey hairs. Finishing time is around six unless we are away. Then it can be any old time.

But, having listened to the jargon Waterman vocabulary, I forecast that his good-bye-former will be confirmed at Christmas.

Saturday: Check up of all teams, maybe a long train trip, but always that never-tiring 90 minutes which tell you if your players were right or wrong.

Playing in the inter-provincial tournament in Durban, Jean is to be specially coached by Bobby Miller in Durban.

**CUP TICKETS**

The Football Association say it is difficult to imagine a more equitable method of distributing Cup Final tickets than the present one. No such difficulty bothers Mr L. G. Gillins, of Wembley. He writes:

"It has been estimated that admission charges to the Cup Final last year amounted to

double the total admission charge according to the printed tickets, £40,000 to the spivs.

"If the attending public are to pay double, then let the charges be doubled. No control of prices will ever beat the law of supply and demand.

"The extra income could be used to help the sport in many ways."

—(London Express Service)

NEVER A DULL MOMENT



Stan Cullis, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, explains in the accompanying article some of the problems that go to make up the life of a football manager.

## George Whiting's Column

**"Split" Waterman Threatens To Change Two Wheels For Four**

Four wheels for two...motorcars for motorcycles. Such is the sport-change threatened by Mr Squire Waterman—known to the speedway cognoscenti as "Split".

The enthusiasts of Harringay can no longer be assured that next season will offer them a further chapter of those dust-round-the-corner excitements provided so colourfully these last two years by the perkiest Cockney in the business.

Waterman, nursing several kinds of grievances against the Speedway Control Board ("I do not like them and I don't care who knows it. Twice they messed me up over the match race championship, and again over the world championship"), declines to put a date on his retirement.

But, having listened to the jargon Waterman vocabulary, I forecast that his good-bye-former will be confirmed at Christmas.

She hits the ball harder than Bobby Miller—South Africa's famous player of a few years back—when aged 18; has year-old schoolgirl named Jean Forbes threatens to become the next "Little Mo" of lawn tennis.

Playing in the inter-provincial tournament in Durban, Jean is to be specially coached by Bobby Miller in Durban.

**ORIGINAL MACHINE**

Squire Split is sore. Since he has sold most of his gear, "All he has kept in his garage at New Malden is the original machine with which he started racing nearly six years ago, and one other.

If there is to be any sport in the Waterman future it is likely to be speedway on the Continent ("They give you a square deal over there") and car racing in England ("I've played around with it with a pin of mine").

**MONEY?** The Harringay Hero considers that a top speedway figure of, say, £2,500 per year is no great emolument in a sport that has cost him fractures of leg, ribs, wrist and thumb, removal of part of his stomach, three spells of concussion, loss of teeth, and several lacerations of eyes and nose.

War-wounded Waterman has come a long way on cinders since, nearly seven years ago, he helped to build a speedway track from the ashes of Vesuvius while serving with REME.

**LESS EXPLOSIVE**

At 30, he goes back to the most prosaic, equally profitable, less explosive, and much less painful business of tool-making, at which he served seven years apprenticeship, and the running of his own sheet metal-concern.

The terrace will miss his hair-raising riding. The pits will miss his hockle-raising back-answers. And life will probably be a lot more peaceful for the Speedway Control Board.

**SECOND "LITTLE MO"**

Burghersdorp, in the East Cape Province of South Africa, has

**FIRST MEETING OF BUSINESS HOUSES SPORTS FEDERATION**

The first official meeting of the Business Houses Sports Federation was held at the Cable and Wireless Sports Club, Caroline Hill, last night, when a temporary committee was formed.

Nominated as Chairman was Mr R. J. Taylor (Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd), with Mr J. Strachan (Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd) as Hon. Secretary and Mr C. J. P. de Heer (Royal Inter-ocean Line) as Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting opened with Mr Strachan in the chair. He said that replies had been received from Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd, the Dairy Farm, Rediffusion, Cable and Wireless, Royal Inter-ocean Line, and Imperial Chemical Industries out of 648 circulars sent out to business houses, among which were a large number of Chinese firms. While the number of applications was not as satisfactory as the organisers had hoped, he felt that the majority of potential members were holding back until something concrete had been formed. The response from interested houses had been encouraging, and the organisers were confident that the idea of a Business Houses Sports Federation would catch on.

Mr Strachan said that so far offers had been received for the use of three miniature football fields, two badminton courts, three table tennis tables, three basketball pitches, five tennis courts and two dart boards.

The 10-year-old Richardson of Eaton Rouge, La., had no such luck. He was eliminated by Merryn Rose, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. The Australian leatherhand never gave Richardson a chance, winning in 53 minutes.

**OBJECTS**

As most of the business houses sports clubs meet with the same difficulties, it is in their interest to join the Federation, whose objects are:

(a) To promote good sportsmanship and fellow-feeling between members of the clubs and associations affiliated with the Business Houses Sports Federation.

(b) To improve the standard of recreational activities to members of the Federation by pooling all resources and to organise competitive meetings in all sports and recreations.

An ultimate aim of the Federation is to procure a site for the purpose of building a centre for the Business Houses Sports Federation with every recreational and sporting facility.

Any further information will be gladly supplied by Mr. J. Strachan, Hon. Secretary, Ad. Soc. Committee c/o The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd. (Telephone 2010-4261).

**Saturday's Home Soccer Programme**

The following FA Cup second round matches as well

as League fixtures are down for decision at Home on Saturday, December 6:

**FA Cup (Second Round)**

Harrow v. N. W.

Colchester U. v. Llanelli

Peterborough v. Bristol Rovers

Harpenden v. Chesterfield

Walsall v. Gateshead

Hereford v. Scunthorpe U.

Bradford C. v. Ipswich T.

Brighton & Hove v. Nottingham T.

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## Welsh Rugger Loses "Wonder Boy"

# LEEDS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB BELIEVED TO HAVE PAID £7,000 TO LEWIS JONES

By PETER LOVEGROVE

The keen regret with which was received the news that Lewis Jones, "wonder boy" of Welsh rugger, had turned professional was not limited to Rugby Union enthusiasts in the Principality. This well-built, fair-headed youth of 21, the finest natural player to emerge in the post-war era, was popular figure, a feared opponent, and a great draw throughout the British Isles, and he had also made his mark in Australia and New Zealand.

In his four seasons of first-class rugby he won every possible honour in the game, and yet seemed rarely on the threshold of a career which promised to shatter every record that has been set up over the years.

He has played with equal success at full-back, centre three-quarter and outside-half, and even on the wing—though he showed a personal preference for the centre position. A phenomenal kicker with either foot, I have seen him convert touch-line goals from 60 yards and he has been credited with near-misses from 75 yards.

A beautifully-balanced runner with a clever change of pace and the most deceptive body swerve which took him either way out of the clutches of would-be tacklers with almost contemptuous ease, he never seemed to have to hurry, timed his passes to the last possible split second, and rarely did the same thing twice. His instinctive problem sense enabled him to bring off the most audacious interceptions; he had safe hands, and a hand-off his victims rarely forgot.

### FAME AT 18

Young Lewis hails from the village of Gorselton, and after showing exceptional promise with the local club, got his chance with Neath, one of the "Big Five" Welsh clubs with a very strong fixture list. He made a sensational start, and in three months with the "All Blacks" scored over 100 points and equalled the Club record of 18 points in a single match. In the summer of 1949 National Service took him into the Royal Navy, and he turned out for Devonport Services,

where he struck up a remarkable understanding with Malcolm Thomas. Selected for the second Welsh Trial at full-back in December, he got his first cap month later at Twickenham—the youngest player ever to turn out for Wales.

It was a nerve-wracking initiation for such a youngster before 75,000 spectators and a "boycy" to overcome, and within a few minutes of the start it looked as if the worst fears might be realised when England's John Smith broke away from 40 yards and raced down the lad in irresistible manner for the opening score.

This shock treatment did the Welsh team all the good in the world. The whole side got down to the job in real earnest, and young Lewis steadied down to play like an experienced veteran.

More, just before half-time, he fielded a kick near the half-way line and, instead of finding touch, ran confidently through the opposition with a remarkably strong, zig-zag run before putting the ball down. After the interval, he gave Wales the lead with a brilliant penalty goal, and, for good measure, converted a try.

Wales went on to win the International Championship and the Triple Crown. Lewis Jones, moved to his best position in the centre, converted three more goals and two penalties.

## JAPANESE TABLE TENNIS TEAM TO TOUR GERMANY

Frankfurt, Dec. 2.

The German Table Tennis Federation has invited the Japanese national table tennis team for a series of international meets to be held here next February, sports officials announced.

The Japanese table tennis team will tour this country in a series of contests with top German players, officials added. The Japanese team's final itinerary will not be completed for a few more weeks, however, the Federation said.

## Dressen Rehired As Manager Of Dodgers

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 2. Charlie (Chuck) Dressen was rehired as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers for 1953 at an undisclosed salary, it was learned today.

It was estimated he will receive \$40,000, an increase of \$10,000 over his 1952 salary.

Dressen led the Dodgers to the National League pennant last season after losing the championship to the New York Giants in a play-off in 1951, his first year at the helm of the club.

Official announcement of Dressen's selection is expected about midday after a meeting of Dodgers' executives.—Associated Press.

## Soccer Referees' Examination

The following have passed in Association Football Referee's Examination held on Tuesday, November 4:

## KBGC To Hold "Closing Day"

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold its "Closing Day" on Sunday, December 7.

The bowls match will commence at 2.30 p.m., sharp, and all members intending to participate in the game should sign the list on the Club Notice Board. Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m.

Invitations have been sent to all Bowling Clubs in the Colony to be represented by two members, and it is hoped that the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will provide an official party of four bowlers.

At the conclusion of the game, Mrs C. B. Terry will present the prizes to winners of Club competitions.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



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### ITALIAN FILM STAR'S FIRST NIGHT DRESS



Italian star of the film "Miracle in Milan", Brunella Bovo, poses in the striking dress of Italian white flowered lace which she will wear at the London premiere of her film. — Express Photo.

## Logan Gourlay's Show Business

# Yes, It Pays To Be James Mason

**I**T pays to be James Mason. Onward and upward moves his career, bringing him a choice selection of films at around £50,000 per film.

Latest announcement is that he gets the leading part in the yet untitled Carol Reed film to be made in Berlin.

Says Mason, just associated with Reed in *Odd Man Out*: "I'm delighted by the prospect of working with Reed again."

Without specifying to which acting category he thinks he belongs, he adds: "A director like Reed can make a bad actor seem good, and a good one even better."

### LIFTED BACK

**T**HE Carol Reed directing prestige is now so high that many stars would be willing to work for him for nothing; so Mason is significantly honoured—and he will be paid. Yet not so long ago it looked as though Mason would sink into Hollywood oblivion. The first three films he made out there after he left Britain in 1946—*Caught and Reckless* and *Moment* were two of the titles—were ill-chosen. They might have ruined a less resourceful star.

But two recent films—*Rommel* and *Five Fingers*—have lifted him back to the peaks.

A third—*Botany Bay*—opening in Britain this month is expected to keep him there.

### SADISTIC

**M**ASON, with Alan Ladd as co-star, has the kind of part which first whipped his public into adoring submission. He plays a sadistic, kick-hauling sea captain carrying a load of convict settlers to Australia around 1780.

Charles Laughton, of course, had a similar kind of part as the celebrated Captain Bligh in *Mutiny on the Bounty*, but Mason manages to give it a distinctive tang.

Since *Botany Bay* he has stepped into the star-studded *Julius Caesar*, playing Brutus in the company of John Gielgud and Marlon Brando.

At present he is back in Rommel uniform for a part in *The Desert Fox*. And in a few weeks he leaves to start work with Berlin.

The film will be completed at Shepperton Studios, and Mason will come to London in April with his wife Pamela. But they will not be returning home, for by that time they will have completed the switch from British to American citizenship. (Says Pamela: "If Zsa Zsa Gabor can become an American citizen so can I...")

of the stage show to deliver the loyal address—with no funny actions.

### IN THE VAULTS

**O**PENING soon on the Odeon circuit is a British film comedy—with an odd history.

Completed over three years ago under the title *Three Men and a Girl*, it has been languishing in the vaults ever since.

No one is willing to say exactly why. The distributors talk about "financial difficulties between producer and stars."

But now, with a new title, the film is being launched as though it were hot from the studios.

The new title is *Golden Arrow*, and it is displayed in trade-paper advertising with an urgent flying arrow as background.

Hardly appropriate in the circumstances.

### MISS DORS LTD.

**N**EWEST addition to the list of company directors: blonde film and stage actress Diana Dors.

She has just formed her own company under the name Diana Dors, Ltd. (It will take time to get used to Miss Dors as a limited company.)

The capital is £100 in £1 shares and the objects of the company "to carry on the business of cinematograph film producers, film renters and directors of film productions."

But J. Arthur Rank is safe for the moment. Miss Dors tells me: "I'm not planning to set up a film empire large or small."

"The company has other interests—in property."

"My husband is a co-director and we are buying houses, renovating them and selling at a profit. We've already invested in seven houses."

"It's a safer business than filming." (It will also take time to get used to Miss Dors as a property speculator.)

At the moment she is touring the provinces in the American stage import *Remains To Be Seen*—and looking at property.

Will her new company ever get round to film-making or distributing? Remains to be seen.

### 'NYE' DEFINES

**A** NEURIN BEVAN, compliant member of the Variety Club on their charitable efforts when they entertained him to lunch recently, but no produced this sharp definition:

"A philanthropist is a film distributor in search of sublimation."

### I HEAR...

**T**HAT Gene Kelly's latest M.G.M. film, *"The Devil Makes Three,"* co-starring Pier Angeli, will be released in the provinces without a London West End showing, because, says the studio, "too many other important films are competing for places in the West End."

THAT Edward G. Robinson, kept off the screen for long period because of alleged Communist sympathies, will return at last in a film titled "Harness Bull."

THAT Franchot Tone, who was fined last year for spitting in the face of columnist Horace Greeley, was one of the guests at a recent cocktail party given in New York by Horace Greeley.

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## American Steel Companies To Add To Capacity

New York, Dec. 2.

American steel companies are adding more than 7½ million net tons of ingot capacity this year to lift total capacity by the year-end to close to 116 million, the Iron Age, metalworking trade weekly reports.

The publication said the industry's newest expansion programme involves an investment of more than 4½ billion dollars on the basis of certificates of necessity approved by the Defence Production Administration.

These certificates cover expansion in steel finishing capacity, foundries, forges and lake and river transportation as well as steel melting expansion.

The Iron Age said the new capacity is a potent factor in industry arguments for decontrol of steel.

Geographically, it said, more than three millions tons of new capacity is in the Midwest and over 2½ million in the East.

Of the 1952 total, the trade weekly reported, more than six million tons is new open hearth capacity and the balance is electric furnace expansion.

## NEW CAPACITIES

Major new capacities being brought in this year were listed by the Iron Age as:

Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Indiana Harbor works, 1,200,000 tons of open hearth expansion; Jones and Laughlin at Pittsburgh, 325 tons open hearth enlargements; Detroit Steel, Portsmouth plant, New Boston, Ohio, 750,000 tons; four new 250-ton open hearths; Tennessee Coal and Iron division, Fairfield Aln., 200,000 tons, open hearth enlargements. National Steel will also bring in new capacity next year.—Associated Press.

## AMERICAN SILK IMPORTS

New York, Dec. 2.

Imports of raw silk rose to 5,387 bales in October, compared with 3,484 bales in October last year, the American Silk Council reported.

During the next three years, however, foreign countries were able to pay for nearly three-quarters of their U.S. purchases in dollars they earned by selling goods they produced themselves on the Japanese economy, thus

## Jute Crop In Pakistan

Karachi, Dec. 2. About half of the current year's output of raw jute has been disposed of, either actually exported or contracted for, export officials said today.

Final estimates of the year's jute crop is about 4,000,000 bales out of which about 3,000,000 bales have been disposed of.

India tops the list of foreign purchasers with 1,200,000 bales.—Associated Press.

## New Jute Factory Operating In Manila

Manila, Dec. 2. A major addition to Philippine industry, a 300-ton, 5,040-spindle jute factory, designed eventually to produce kenaf bags, is now in operation in Manila, Colonel Andres Soriano, president of the new \$3,750,000 Industrial Textiles Manufacturing Co. disclosed.

Capable of producing a substantial portion of the needs of the Philippines, the Company, when it increases to a two-shift operation in early 1953, will have the productive capacity of 10,800,000 sugar bags or 22,000,000 rice sacks per year, Col. Soriano said.

Col. Soriano characterised the new company not only as an important dollar-saving industry but eventually scheduled to develop into a dollar producing industry.

The chief production of sacks at present will be those manufactured from jute but, of more vital long-range significance, experimental runs are now in process blending jute with kenaf grown in the Philippines. Eventually, the company will produce kenaf material solely.

Two fabric technicians, Ignacio Warner, Cuba agronomist, and Dr. H. V. Allerton, have been brought to the Philippines by the company to aid local kenaf growers. In addition to technical assistance, the company is providing kenaf planters with seed at landed cost, and full information and advice on growing the best possible crop.

## ITALIAN EXPERTS

The 19,162-square-metre factory and warehouse buildings, utilising domestic Philippines construction materials, were completed in slightly more than eight months.

B. Compaglio, technical adviser, arranged to bring ten Italian technicians to the Philippines for a year to supervise installation of machinery and to train the mechanics and workers in the bag plant.

The company will eventually employ, when it reaches two-shift operation early in 1953, 1,100 direct labour employees with an estimated annual payroll well over \$1,000,000.

President Elpidio Quirino formally dedicated the new plant, taking the occasion to stress that the influx of foreign capital into the Philippines has been due to the security and safety the Government is providing foreign investment.

"The new industry," he declared, "is fresh evidence of our progress to secure for our country the basic requirement of the contentment of our people."—United Press.

## Unbalanced Trade Still A Problem

Washington, Dec. 2.

The Commerce Department said today that the decreasing surplus of United States exports over imports is evidence of the improved economic position of foreign countries, but that the problem of unbalanced trade is by no means completely solved.

In the first three years following World War II, the United States exported twice as much it imported.

Exports of goods and services in the 1949-50 period totalled \$1,800,000,000, while imports came to \$2,250,000,000. U.S. foreign aid of \$15,600,000,000 in these three years helped to offset the imbalance.

Foreign nations also received another \$5,300,000,000 from such sources as private American investment abroad and from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the report said.

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## Far East Sugar Output Still Below Normal

## Increase In Demand Expected

New York, Dec. 2.

A leading New York sugar broker reported today that the Philippines and Formosa are making rapid progress in increasing their sugar production while Japan is becoming a bigger market for sugar.

An analysis of the Far East sugar situation, prepared for the United Press by B. W. Dyer and Co. showed that there is still a sugar shortage in the Far East in contrast to the Cuban surplus.

The reason for this shortage is that Indonesia is producing barely enough to meet her own requirements.

The firm's economists said that in some cases the prices paid to Far East sugar producers will be somewhat lower than in recent years, reflecting a lower competitive price for the available Cuban world sugar.

However, this was not a uniform situation, because sugar prices were set for certain areas on the basis of factors other than the world price. For example, the Philippines have sold and will sell almost all their sugar in the United States market which has been near the post-war high in the last two years.

While Number 6 futures prices indicate that there may be some U.S. sugar price decline in 1953, the administration of the Sugar Act, which determines the U.S. sugar price level, will undoubtedly be along lines that will sustain U.S. prices over world sugar prices.

Thus 1953 average prices reserved by Philippine growers should be rather close to the 1952 levels.

A slight decline in ocean freight rates from the Philippines to the United States should also tend to help Philippine producers.

The report says: "In the coming season, the Philippines will probably fill their U.S. quota (974,000 short tons) and their local consumption and they might even have a small quantity, perhaps 25,000 to 75,000 short tons, for export to markets other than the United States. Philippines production will probably be about 20 per cent above the 1952-53 average."

## TAIWAN SITUATION

"Taiwan has not made the same progress in restoring sugar production to pre-war levels as has the Philippines. Some estimates place the Taiwan production this season as high as 880,000 tons—but their estimates recently have been high.

Taiwan producers will undoubtedly receive somewhat lower prices for their sugar in 1953 because of the decline in world prices but they will probably be helped by—by increasing trade with Japan." Thus by making transactions on a barter basis or any soft currency basis, the actual returns to Formosa producers may still compare fairly favourably with that resulting from the high prices of the last two years.

"In Indonesia, sugar production will probably be between 450,000 and 500,000 short tons as compared with the 1,448,000 average in 1933-34.

"It is very risky for white men to go into the interior of Indonesia because banditry and terrorism still reign. Under such conditions, it is difficult to obtain skilled technicians to run plantations and sugar mills.

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"Hard work, ingenuity and saving are pointless where the fruits of these can be snatched away by arbitrary Government action."

"Indonesia is just about meeting its local consumption requirements. Unless there is a drastic change in the policies of the Government, and the personal safety of white people improves, it is unlikely that Indonesia will be producing sugar for export in any significant volume in the next few years.

"Thus about a million short tons decline in Indonesian sugar production from the 1933-34 average levels is in prospect. Prices in Indonesian currency will be determined by the Government policies in Indonesia and not by the world sugar market price trends.

"In recent years, substantial quantities of Cuban sugar have been shipped to Japan. As production in the Far East area increases, it will reduce the dependence upon Cuba as a source of supply.

"Japanese consumption is rising rapidly. This expansion in consumption will be facilitated by the presumed gradual freeing of all restrictive controls on the Japanese economy, thus

## FINANCE PLAN ATTACKED

## Proposal For The Backward Nations

London, Dec. 2.

The idea of an International Finance Corporation—to work as a "branch" of the International Bank for the purpose of participating in private business enterprises in under-developed countries—has been given a lukewarm reception by the National City Bank of New York.

Under the original proposal, the International Finance Corporation would be supported by funds specially contributed by the member governments of the International Bank. These funds would be used for loans without government guarantees and also for equity investments.

The National City Bank, however, believes that rather than burden taxpayers with this additional expense, tax reliefs and the creation of a "welcome atmosphere" to foreign capital would do more to foster private investment in backward countries.

Discussing the proposal for an International Finance Corporation in its monthly review of world economic affairs, the National City Bank of New York says: "A Corporation of this sort would be a far riskier proposition than the Bank, and it raises the question whether the tax-payers of the world are not already sufficiently burdened without being tapped to provide risk capital to would-be entrepreneurs."

## MANY HANDICAPS

"There are moreover a legion of handicaps, freely recognised in socialist countries, when government money operates either directly or indirectly in the equity capital area. Judicious tax relief, on the contrary, could afford broad stimulus to enterprise, not to mention the creation of a welcome atmosphere to foreign capital in relatively undeveloped areas.

"Seizures of foreign-owned properties, of which we have had recent examples in Iran and Bolivia, and arbitrary restrictions on withdrawals of capital and profits, do more harm to the supply of foreign equity capital than an International Finance Corporation could possibly repair."

"There is no escape from the principle stated by President Black at the annual meeting of the International Bank a year ago: 'Development is primarily the responsibility of the developing country itself. There is not, and cannot be, any substitute for internal effort. Foreign capital cannot be broadly effective in the absence of local capital. Foreign advice will be useless unless there are roots for it to nurture.'

"At best, outside aid can provide only a margin over and above what a people are doing for themselves. It can be the margin between failure and success, but only when there is substantial local effort. And there can be such an effort only when a nation has a will to develop—when there is a drive within the country itself to improve the living standards of its people, and a government which reflects that drive."

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$150,782.50. Noon prices and the morning's transactions.

## SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS

H.K. Bank ..... 412

HSBC ..... 101

INDUSTRIES

Canton ..... 240

Union ..... 773

Underwriters ..... 51

Mac. F.C. ..... 140

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### THE SMALL AND SILENT CROWD

HE can rarely have appeared before so small a crowd. There were no more than a score of people in the public gallery of Bow Street's court two, when he appeared in the dock.

Those 20 people were strictly non-partisan. They had come out of curiosity, to watch justice being dispensed. It would be hard to say what else drove them there. You might think it was the win in the outside air—except that in full summer's heat London's police court galleries are just as full as in winter.

Now, the public gallery regarded Arthur grimly, as they regard all malcontents, from the clerk who got drunk after an officer dinner to the man who is charged with the murder of his mother.

ARTHUR glanced, no more than that, at the public, as he walked up the two steps into the dock.

It was as though he sought to sense their mood. He is used to crowds. In tons of thousands they have followed encouragement to him, screamed their appreciation of his skill, offered him advice in lusty shouts of huge decibel-content.

Arthur is a handsome young man who a few years ago was a sporting star in his own right; who is fit enough and young enough to be a sporting star again tomorrow; whose name has helped to fill huge newsprint and could be used again.

A little while since, he got into trouble. He committed a serious crime and was sent to prison. It was the end of two careers for him, for besides being a healthy sportsman, this dark-haired young man had proved his intellectual worth and was on the brink of a career in one of the learned professions.

When he came out of prison, his former profession was barred to him.

ARTHUR could, of course, have thrown himself back upon his parents, who were reasonably well-to-do. He could have asked them to support him until he found his feet again. Instead of doing this, he got himself work as a labourer.

It was a lonely road he chose, and all the time he was niggled by the consciousness that he was throwing away his skill and talents. In long bleak periods of loneliness he remembered how free the huge sporting crowds had been with their advice to him; now there was no crowd to advise.

MISERABLE, Arthur took to drinking. Drinking, he took to crime again. He went to a West End shop, asked to see some fountain pens.

He was shown a trayful, and while he was studying its contents the assistant turned away to deal with another customer. Arthur pocketed a pen priced at £4.6s. 6d.

The assistant came back, noticed a pen was missing, sent

### More Men Join The British Army

London, Dec. 2.—The War Secretary, Mr. Antony Head, told Mr. S. T. Swinburne, Labour, in the House of Commons today that since the present Government took office they had saved 10,000 men from the Army's "tail" and created seven new battalions. Regular recruitment had doubled.

Mr. Head told Sir Ian Fraser, Conservative, that during the first ten months of this year 42,615 men had voluntarily enlisted.

In the same period this year voluntary enlistments in the Territorial army were 27,208 compared with 22,271 in the first ten months of last year.

In another reply Mr. Head said recruiting for the Home Guard up to November 15 totalled 23,288.

In addition 20,823 men had joined the reserve roll.

#### MP's QUERY

Major Tufton Beaumont, Conservative, asked if the War Secretary would propose new regulations to allow a larger number of foreigners to enlist in the army in view of the fact that the number of refugees who did not hold British citizenship was greatly increased.

Mr. Head replied that while the armed forces regulations of 1939 remained in force, there was no statutory bar on the enlistment of aliens, but when the regulations lapsed this month enlistment of aliens would be governed entirely by the army act, whose provisions were more restrictive.

A select committee examining the army and air force act recently recommended that appropriate action should be drafted on more liberal lines.

Major Beaumont asked if the Minister was aware that there were many young foreigners who might well be prepared to volunteer for the army if they were given more encouragement.

Mr. Head replied he was aware of that fact and the matter was under discussion.

### US Plane Crashes With 13 Men

San Bernardino, Calif., Dec. 2.—An Air Force C-47, with 13 men aboard, apparently crashed during the night at the 8,000-foot level in the San Bernardino Mountains, the Sheriff's office reported today.

Deputy Sheriff Loring Poleman of Victorville said he saw a big fire in the mountains north of San Bernardino and west of Big Bear Valley about 4 a.m., which finally died out.

Checking again at daybreak, he could still see smoke from the spot well above the snowline, which was about 4,500 feet higher.

The plane left Davis-Monthan Air Base at Tucson, Arizona, last night en route to nearby March Air Base at Riverside. It last checked in by radio over Palm Springs, on the desert east of here, at 9.51 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time).

Between Palm Springs and March Air Base lies towering, 10,805-foot Mt. San Jacinto. It was storming heavily at the time, and the pilot apparently attempted to skirt the storm by heading north. The spot where the craft apparently crashed was well off his course.

Ground parties from George Air Base at Victorville, March Air Base and sheriff's stations here and at Victorville headed into the area in mid-morning.

Clouds which still covered the area earlier were clearing, and flights were sent out from March Air Base to attempt to locate the wreckage.—Associated Press.

### Jump On The Band Wagon

United Nations, Dec. 2.—The Soviet bloc today rallied to the support of eight Asian and Central American countries who called upon Britain to restore land allegedly taken away from 3,000 Tanganyika tribesmen.

The resolution introduced in the UN General Assembly's Trusteeship Committee by the nations backed off one of the bitterest debates on colonial matters this year.

Britain had said only 1,500 tribesmen were affected by the move, which was part of a resettlement plan. The resolution urged the return of the land to the Tanganyika tribesmen, was sponsored by El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Pakistan, Saudi-Arabia and Syria.

After its introduction, the Polish and Ukrainian delegates charged the resolution was an example of the "classical colonial system."—United Press.

### REALLY IN THE COOLER

Sydney, Dec. 2.—To escape detection when the owners returned unexpectedly, a thief hid in the refrigeration chamber of a butchery near Lithgow—and had to be thrown out before police could take him away.

The butchers noticed nothing wrong and did not discover the thief for several hours. He was wedged between two sides of beef.—Reuter.

### Tornado Strikes S. African Town

Johannesburg, Dec. 2.—Another tornado hit the Witwatersrand today.

It cut a path through the native town of Paynterville, at Springs Town, 33 miles east of Johannesburg and 45 miles east of Albertonville.

Nine natives were reported dead so far.

A brick church was partly demolished.—Associated Press.

### The Mobile Haberdasher



### Brrr! Mercury Drops 28 Deg. In 24 Hours

At nine o'clock this morning the temperature recorded at the Royal Observatory was 44.8 degrees Fahrenheit. At the same time yesterday morning the thermometer stood at 72.9.

Thus there was a drop of 28.1 degrees within 24 hours.

This equates a previous record over the 24-hour period. In the past there had been a more spectacular fall of 40 degrees, said a Royal Observatory official, but the fall covered a longer period—about two days.

The cold spell was due to the rapid intensification of the continental anti-cyclone, which had resulted in winds of gale force off the coast. In some cases winds of 30 knots had been reported.

The direction of the wind has been from the North and Northeast end for this reason the island of Hongkong has benefited by the protection of the Kowloon hills.

The arrival and departure of aircraft at Kai Tak was seriously interfered with this morning, for a strong wind from the North sets up difficult cross currents over the airfield. Visibility was poor and made worse by a continuous fall of drizzle.

### NEW ROLE FOR JET AIRLINERS

London, Dec. 2.—The jet liner will make the trooper as archaic as the battleaxe, British air charter companies are telling the War Office.

And the War Office, which has the job of moving many thousands of British troops around the world each year, is listening attentively.

Even with current propeller-driven planes free enterprise air companies are undercutting shipping companies in their charges for carrying soldiers.

Several contracts have been concluded between the air charter companies and the British government to carry troops from Britain to the Mid-East, Africa and elsewhere at less than one cent per head per mile.

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East-bound traffic was not affected.

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West-bound tram traffic was held up for half an hour in front of Murray Barracks this morning when the near side

wheels of a No. 5 bus slipped into the small gap between the two sections of the road now under repair.

The bus returned at 9.20 after the bus had been pulled free.

The accident was caused by the slippery state of the road.

There were no casualties or damage to the bus.

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INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The four cities visited by Mr. King were: 1. London, 2. Birmingham, 3. Portsmouth, 4. Liverpool.

London Express Service.

### Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Half Hour—Said the Cat to the Dog: "The Barker Party" A Play for Children by Mr. John Armstrong (BBC). 6.30 Forces Bandstand (Concert Hall) A Concert by the Band of the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Regiment conducted by Band-Master Mr. J. P. Plant. By kind permission of Lt.-Col. D. A. Affleck-Graves (Officer Commanding). 7.00 Radio Signal Work (BBC). 7.15 The Commonwealth Prime Minister's Economic Conference: A talk by E. V. Hodson, Editor of the Sunday Times (London). Relay: 7.15 "Good News" (BBC). 7.30 Leon's Production "And so to bed". 7.30 Orchestra of the Week—Vienna Philharmonic. 7.30 "Cavalcade" (Radio Luxembourg). 7.45 Weather Report: 8.00 Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 9.00 World Theatre Pro Shadwell Memorial Lecture Company "Richard III" by William Shakespeare, Part 3 (BBC); 10.00 London Studio Melodrama "Mardon" and 10.30 "John Bull's Other Leg" (BBC). 10.30 Dancing Time with Eric Whistone and his Band: 10.52 Weather Report: 11. Radio News Read (Standard and General Electric Co.). 11.15 Music—The Nocturnes of John Field: God Save The Queen: 11.30 Close down.

### Ship's Departure Delayed

The departure of the mv Changsha for Sydney has been delayed owing to the rain, which interfered with the loading of cargo.

Instead of sailing at mid-day today, she will leave at 4 p.m.

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### Living Language

Why we say Window.

This word is made up of two Anglo-Saxon words *windr*, wind, and *auga*, eye. The reason for this is that the name was invented before glass, when a hole was made in the wall and covered simply with a curtain or shutter. This hole served both to give ventilation (wind) and to allow people within to look out (eye). The hole was a wind-eye.

### HONGKONG FLAGS AT CUT PRICE

Thousands of yards of Lancashire cloth produced for Coronation decorations may be left on the shelves because of rival importations, according to a report which appeared in the London News Chronicle of November 27.

Prices of home-produced flags are being undercut by as much as 50 per cent., says Mr. J. W. Openshaw, whose firm has had over 250,000 yards of cloth printed for coronation decorations.

A good order for flags was cancelled, and Mr. Openshaw found his customer had got flags manufactured in Hongkong. These were quoted at a penny each—sufficient to cover little more than the printing of British flags which, in a similar size, cost about 2d.

"It was our impression," said Mr. Openshaw, "that no foreign flags were to be allowed for decorations."

The Board of Trade has been told, and Mr. Openshaw hopes to see Mr. A. F. Holt, M. P. for Bolton.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

By Air

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.

Indo-China (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.

Fornos, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), Canada, 6 p.m. H.K.A.C.

Japan, 6 p.m. D.O.A.C.

Marco, 9 a.m., Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

Formosa, 9 a.m., Lee Maek.

Siam, Noon, via C.A.T.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. (San Francisco), Noon, P.A.C.

Indo-China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.

Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.

C. Japan, Canada, 8 p.m. C.P.A.

Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., Lee Maek.

Hainan Island, 8 a.m. via Canton.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. Central & West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air Vietnam.

Philippines, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

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